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Dear Chairman

I am a parent/community representative in the Los Angeles Unified School District at Hale Middle School and El Camino High School, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State joint Board decision guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

At both locations that I am involved with, one of my duties is formation of a technology plan. The most obvious fimiting factor is cost. In order to reach the most students possible with a technology base that is up-to-date, access to the Internet has been shown to be a necessary integral part of any plan. The ability to access information quickly and efficiently for a large number of students is mandatory. As our students graduate into the work force, knowledge and understanding of computers will not be a choice, but will be compulsory and must be made available to all students.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

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RE: Docket #96-45

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely.

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I am Executive Director for the Heart of Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) which includes the following counties in Georgia: Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. We desperately need it.

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Thank you.

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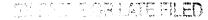
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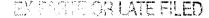
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Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communication Commission 1919 M. Street, N.W. Room 814 Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Commissioner:

We are currently teachers in the Beaufort County School District, Beaufort County, SC. We would like to share with you our desire that you continue to support affordable access to the Information Superhighway through the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discuount plan to schools. Your support of the discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning opportunities.

In order to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to learn, services directly to the classroom are needed. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is very important to prepearing our students for the world of tomorrow. Our school is undergoing a technology integration plan which will ensure access to a variety of multi-media opportunities. We need the deep discounts in telecommunications in order to continue to provide them with informational access that will prepare them for the future. We strongly urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discuount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW, Room 844 Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

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I am the Technology Coordinator for the Fox Chapel Area School District, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We have been connected to the Internet for five years. I would like to thank you for your commitment to ensure that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the emerging Information Highway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan offers us the necessary incentive to move ahead with our community access network that will link our students to the larger community, including the regional community library system. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and community members as we envision FOXCAN - the Fox Chapel Community Access Network. In our plan for next year we will develop a connection to a satellite library located in a family center site that serves our poorest students. Without the cost reductions promised by the discount plan neither our community library nor the Fox Chapel Area School District will be able to offer this service.

Our students and community members need deep discounts for telecommunications services. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunications services including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nation's technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which 60% of the jobs will require computer skills.

As President of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors, I can assure you that our financial resources are being stretched to the limit. We face a constant struggle to meet the ever increasing demands being placed on our school district without sufficient funding to support our efforts. The proposed discounts will be a vital link in our efforts to expand the use of technology in our classrooms.

The AIU Board encourages you to support the original plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunications services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our workforce of the future.

Sincerely,

William R. Segar, President

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As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that business demand and that our workforce will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunications services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our workforce of the future.

Sincerely yours,

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